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All- I am working to get updates from the response team on the Animas and will share information later. We are sending a PIO, Libby Faulk, to Durango this evening. She will be helping with communications tomorrow as well.

I believe you had some questions about how this release occurred. I have some info below.

Rich Mylott

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EPA's team was working with heavy equipment to secure and consolidate a safe way to enter the mine and access contaminated water. The project was intended to pump and treat the water and reduce metals pollution flowing out of the mine into the Cement Creek watershed.

I expect more information on water quality associated with the release later today or tomorrow am. Our response team has been working to assess the Animas today, we will also be looking at damage in the immediate vicinity of the release and assessing any residual drainage from the mine.